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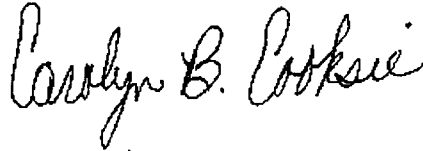
Notice FC-137

1910-A, 1940-M, and
1980-B

For: State and County Offices

Debarment and Suspension Procedures

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs



1 Overview

**A
Background**

Revisions have been made to Departmental regulations regarding nonprocurement debarment and suspension (7 CFR Part 3017). As a result, debarment and suspension no longer affect an applicant's eligibility to participate in Farm Loan Programs, and parts of FmHA Instruction 1940-M no longer apply.

This notice is a reissuance of expired Notice FC-13788, dated November 18, 1996, with modifications.

**B
Purpose**

This notice advises State and County Offices of:

- changes regarding debarment and the effect on loan applicants and other entities involved in transactions with the Agency
- instructions on the use of certifications.

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Disposal Date

August 1, 1998

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County
Offices

1 Overview (Continued)

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Contacts

County Offices shall direct questions to State Office.

State Offices shall direct questions regarding:

- this notice to LMD, through the Area Office
 - procurement issues to Donna Dougherty, MSD, through the Area Office.
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2 Effects of Changes

A

Borrowers

State and County Offices are no longer required to check the "List of Parties Excluded From Federal Procurement and NonProcurement Programs", Debarment List, for the names of direct or guaranteed loan applicants. Borrowers, both direct and guaranteed, are no longer required to certify that individuals or entities with whom they do business have not been debarred or suspended.

Note: State and County Offices are no longer required to obtain AD-1047's and AD-1048's from applicants or borrowers.

B

Other Entities

Individuals and entities, other than loan recipients, who have been debarred or suspended, are restricted from participating in transactions **with FSA**.

Examples: Following are examples of these individuals and entities:

- guaranteed lenders
 - attorneys
 - contractors.
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3 Action

A

County Office Action

County Offices shall contact the State Office when doing business with new lenders or other entities. Lenders currently participating in the guarantee program are reviewed annually, so it is not necessary to contact the State Office each time a guaranteed loan is closed.

B

State Office Action

State Offices shall check the Debarment List as follows:

- check annually for lenders currently participating in the guarantee program
- when notified by the County Office, according to subparagraph A:
 - check to see if the individual or entity has been debarred
 - as appropriate, note debarment or suspension in the contracting or guaranteed operational file
- check any time an individual or entity, other than a loan recipient, is involved in a transaction with FSA at the State level.

Note: The Debarment List is available on the Internet at "<http://www.gsa.gov/>". At GSA's home page, select "Index", then "Debarred Bidders List". When prompted, enter user's name and accept the limitations of the Privacy Act. After accepting the terms, access will be granted to the list for viewing, downloading, or printing.
